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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. _____

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION memorializing and honoring
Representative Earl L. Harris.

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Klinker, Koch, Lehe, Lehman, Leonard, Lucas, Macer,
Mahan, Mayfield, McMillin, McNamara, Miller D, Moed,
Morris, Morrison, Moseley, Negele, Niezgodski, Nisly, Ober,
Olthoff, Pierce, Porter, Price, Pryor, Rhoads, Richardson,
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Whereas, Earl Harris was born on November 5, 1941, in Kerrville, Tennessee;

Whereas, Earl graduated from Woodstock (Millington, Tennessee) High School in 1959;

Whereas, Earl attended Purdue University-Calumet, Indiana University Northwest, and the Illinois Institute of Technology;

Whereas, Earl was a six-year member of the U.S. Naval Reserves, honorably discharged in 1969;

Whereas, Earl was first elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1982, and his illustrious legislative career began with being called into a special session by then Governor Robert Orr in December 1982;

Whereas, During his historic 33-year career in the House of Representatives, Earl served as Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, Deputy Speaker Pro Tempore, Speaker Pro Tempore, and chair of numerous House standing committees;

Whereas, Among his many lasting and enduring legislative achievements were championing Lake Michigan shoreline redevelopment in Lake County, development of Indiana's



casino industry, work to save the steel mill and oil refinery industry in Northwest Indiana, and fiscal stewardship of Indiana;

Whereas, Earl took great pride in his continued guidance of the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus;

Whereas, Earl retired as fixed asset manager for the East Chicago School Corporation;

Whereas, Earl served with great distinction as a board member of the East Chicago Urban Enterprise Association, Northwest Indiana Urban League, East Chicago Air Pollution Control Board, East Chicago Black Coalition, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the East Chicago Homeowners Association;

Whereas, Earl loved and cherished his family: Donna, his wife of 45 years, and his son, Earl L. Harris, Jr.;

Whereas, Earl passed away on March 25, 2015, after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma; and

Whereas, Earl Harris will be missed by all of his colleagues in the Indiana General Assembly, and his dedication and service to his district and all Hoosiers will continue to be fondly remembered by all: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the members of the Indiana General Assembly
- 2 memorialize and honor the life of Representative Earl L. Harris.
- 3 SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives
- 4 is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to his wife,
- 5 Donna J. Harris, and to his son, Earl L. Harris, Jr.

